

Yonkers Green Week

April 20 - 27, 2008

The Yonkers City Council has officially recognized the week of Earth Day and Arbor Day as “Green Week.” Community based organizations, schools, government and non-governmental agencies, and other service providing agencies are hosting events and activities designed to educate our community about the natural environment that exists here. Let’s take pride in Yonkers and do what we can to preserve and sustain it!

Go Green Yonkers!!!

Ideas for Reducing Climate Impact at Home and at Work:



Lighting: Replace incandescent lights with CFLs. Turn off the lights when you leave a room or office. Put outdoor lights on motion sensors.



Transportation: Encourage friends, family and co-workers to walk, bike, take public transit, or carpool. At work, set up bike racks, locations to shower and incentives for carpooling or public transit. Combine errands. Eliminate idling and keep your car tuned up. Buy the most efficient car possible. Decrease travel at work by teleconferencing instead of flying. Encourage telecommuting and flexible hours at work. Work with your local government to increase green transportation options like public transit and bike paths.



Heating and Cooling: Turn heating and cooling systems to a less extreme temperature and turn them off at night or when not at home or work. Use a fan instead of an air conditioner. Install a programmable thermostat. Weatherize your home and office. Tune up and clean your furnace.



Water Heating and Usage: Buy energy efficient models. Add insulation around your water heater. Shut off the tap tightly when not in use.



Waste: Buy durable, *reusable* goods. Avoid lots of packaging and purchasing disposable items. *Recycle*. Purchase items with recycled content. *Compost*.



Appliances: Buy energy efficient Energy STAR models. Plug appliances into a power strip and turn them off when not in use. Program computers and other machines to automatically shut down at night.



Consumption: Buy essentials and buy used items instead of brand-new. Reuse items like cloth napkins and glass and plastic containers. Avoid disposable dishes and utensils.



Green Power: Purchase clean energy through your local utility. If your utility does not have such an option, campaign for change. Invest in on-site renewable technology, like solar panels. Purchase green power or carbon offsets through a third party.



Take Action! The Stop Global Warming calculator shows you how much carbon dioxide you can prevent from being released into the atmosphere and how much money you can save by making some small changes in your daily life. www.stopglobalwarming.org

Stay Engaged: Keep up to date with events in your area. Go to www.YonkersNY.gov and visit the City Council's **Green Policy Task Force** page. Also, keep up with the Westchester County Global Warming Task Force at www.westchestergov.com/globalwarming

Events and Details

Date	Time	Event	Location	Other information
Friday, April 18	All Day	Riverside HS Environmental Day: "RED is GREEN" RHS students and faculty will work with the GPTF to offer a full day of activities to kick off Green Week. 25 student-made Environmental Awareness public service announcements will be screened, and students will learn about Environmental Justice and advocacy.	Riverside High School 565 Warburton Ave.	Look for coverage on channels 75, 78 and News 12
	All Day	Earth Day Celebration with Foxfire School: City officials will talk with students about the importance of the environment, teach them about recycling and share in a planting activity.	Yonkers Recycling Center 735 Saw Mill River Rd.	
Sat & Sun, April 19-20	1:00pm-3:00pm-	"Friendly Fishy Flyers" Family Workshop: Create a wind sock shaped like your favorite Hudson River Swimmer.	Hudson River Museum. 511 Warburton Avenue	Contact: 963-4551
Monday, April 21	1:00pm-3:00pm	"School's Out, Stars Are In": M-F, Workshops and planetarium shows for students on school break. Go to www.hrm.org for details.	Hudson River Museum 511 Warburton Ave.	Contact: 963-4551
	9:00am-7:00pm	"Why Celebrate the Earth?" Environmental Awareness Film Series: Learn background details on climate change and get some free goodies and visit Westchester's Bio-fuel Veggie Van .	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Auditorium	See flyers attached
	2:00pm-3:00pm	"What is Marine Debris?": How does it affect turtles, dolphins, fish, birds and even whales? Learn about all the things that end up in our waters. Hosted by the New York Whale and Dolphin Action League.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Community Room	Contact: Taffy 793-9186 ny4whales@optonline.net
Tuesday, April 22 HAPPY EARTH DAY!	7:00am-8:00am	Blessing of the Hudson River: join religious leaders and environmental organizations as they 'bless back' the River that has blessed us for so long.	Beczak Environmental Education Center 35 Alexander Street	
	12:00pm-12:45pm	Mad Science presents "Marvels of Motion": Watch the power of motion create astonishing jet packs and a rocket propelled car!	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Community Room	
	1:00pm-2:00pm	Opening of New JFK Marina Boathouse: Join City Officials and Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club (YPRC) at this Earth Day Ribbon Cutting.	JFK Marina Boathouse, Off Warburton Avenue at bottom of JFK Memorial	
	1:00pm	"Helping Mother Earth": Greyston and Groundwork Yonkers Celebrate Earth Day with Recycling, Gardening and Art. Re-build the paper maché statue at the garden.	Buena Vista Community Garden Buena Vista & Prospect	Contact: Lucy lucym@greyston.org
	1:00pm-3:00pm	"Hudson River Estuary Model": Through hands on demonstrations, kids will learn about Hudson River geography, estuaries, watersheds, tides and wetlands. They will also see how pollution is carried through the watershed. Ages 5-12 (part of 3-session series)	Beczak Environmental Education Center 35 Alexander Street	Registration Required; See flyer attached Contact: Vicky 377-1900 x-12
	3:00pm-3:45pm	Mad Science presents "Marvels of Motion": Watch the power of motion create astonishing jet packs and a rocket propelled car!	Grinton I. Will Library 1500 Central Park Ave. Pincus Auditorium	Contact: 377-1500 x-306
	4:00pm-5:00pm	"Treasures from Trash": Celebrate Earth Day by making a craft from recycled materials from house and garden. Also play a fun game to learn the rules of recycling properly.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Community Room	Contact: Ethel EPetryczka@ypl.org
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Public Meeting of the City Council's Green Policy Task Force and the new Environmental Policy and Protection Committee. Share your suggestions with the panel - <i>Watch it live on Channel 78</i>	City Council Chambers Yonkers City Hall, 4th floor 40 South Broadway	Speakers, contact the City Clerk's office at 377-6015 before 3pm to sign up.
Wednesday April 23	1:00pm-3:00pm	"Hudson River Food Chain": Kids role play parts of the Hudson River food chain and see how plant and animal relationships change when pollution enters the system.	Beczak Environmental Education Center 35 Alexander Street	Registration Required; See flyer attached Contact: Vicky 377-1900 x-12
	2:00pm-4:00pm	"An Inconvenient Truth" See the award-winning documentary about Global Warming that has raised awareness and fueled debate about climate change issues worldwide.	Grinton I. Will Library 1500 Central Park Ave. Pincus Auditorium	
	4:00pm-5:00pm	"Low-Tech/ Hi-Tech: Energy Conservation, <i>not</i> Energy Generation" Part 1: Learn The 11 Easy Ways to save energy. Part II: Learn about Energy Audits by using the meters, infrared camera and computer software.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Yonkers Room	Contact: Bob Walters sawmill@bestweb.net Contact: Robert Hothan hothan_inc@yahoo.com




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Thursday, April 24	1:00pm–3:00pm	“Water Clean Up”: In this fun and messy activity, kids will clean up pollution from a water sample. Ages 5-12 (part of 3-session series)	Beczak Environmental Education Center	Registration Required; See flyer attached
	4:00pm	Meet the animals (Ages 3-8)	Crestwood Library 16 Thompson Street	
	4:00pm–5:30pm	The ChildSafe School: Learn about this solution-based program designed to reduce children's exposures to common environmental toxins found in and around schools.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Community Room	Contact: Ellen ellen@grassrootsinfo.org
	6:00pm–8:00pm	Tour of the Hudson on the NY Water Taxi: Ride to Haverstraw at a discounted rate and learn all about the history of our Environmental Heritage, the Hudson River, from expert guide Robert Walters. Adults \$10 RT, Children \$5 RT. All proceeds will be donated by NYWT to Beczak, our local Environmental Education Center on the waterfront.	Meet at Yonkers Pier, 72 Water Grant Street 6:00pm	Reservation Required; Space limited to 100 ppl. See coupon attached Contact: Vicky 377-1900
Friday, April 25	Every Friday	FREE ON FRIDAY: Yonkers Recycling Center picks up appliances containing Freon at no cost to Yonkers residents on Fridays.	Yonkers Recycling Center 735 Saw Mill River Rd	Call 377-6751 to schedule a pickup.
ARBOR DAY Celebrate Arbor Day, Plant a tree! Go to arborday.org for ideas and information	9:30am–12:30pm	Free-A-Tree Invasive Vine Cutting & River Clean-up: Join Groundwork Yonkers/Saw Mill River Coalition on clearing trees of invasive vines that are choking them. Wear sturdy shoes/boots. Tools provided but BYO if you can.	Odell Avenue & Nepperhan Ave.	Contact: Ann-Marie 815-5872 www.sawmillrivercoalition.org
	11:00am–5:00pm	“Why Celebrate the Earth?”: Environmental Awareness Film Series, second screening at a different venue. Check the Green Policy Task Force page at www.yonkersny.gov for show times and details on the film line-up.	Grinton I. Will Library 1500 Central Park Ave. Pincus Auditorium	See flyer attached Contact: Samantha gptf@yonkersny.gov
	12:00pm–4:00pm	SLC Environmental Festival: Get your hands in the dirt working on the Community Garden at SLC. Stick around for a barbecue, composting workshop & lots of fun games!	Sarah Lawrence College 1 Mead Way Westlands Gate	Contact: Emily (818) 620-5585
	2:00pm–3:00pm	“Low-Tech/ Hi-Tech: Energy Conservation, <i>not</i> Energy Generation” Part 1: Learn The 11 Easy Ways to save energy. Part II: Learn about Energy Audits by using the meters, infrared camera and computer software.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Yonkers Room	Contact: Bob Walters sawmill@bestweb.net Contact: Robert Hothan hothan_inc@yahoo.com
	5:00pm–9:00pm	“End of Suburbia”: Watch this important documentary about the dwindling supply of cheap energy in the form of fossil fuels and its effect on society. Followed by a panel discussion by Sustainable SLC with keynote speaker Robert Hothan . Light refreshments.	Sarah Lawrence College 1 Mead Way Titworth Lecture Hall	Contact: Emily (818) 620-5585
Saturday, April 26	10:00am–2:00pm	Beczak Earth Day Celebration: Help us by picking up debris and by doing some yard work around the park, marsh and beach. We will supply the jobs, tools and light refreshments, you supply the elbow grease!	Beczak Environmental Education Center 35 Alexander Street	See flyer attached Contact: Vicky 377-1900 x-12
	10:00am–2:00pm	Help Beczak Clean Up and Visit the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club Open Boat House: Come learn about YPRC and programs held IN the Hudson River! Some YPRC members will be in kayaks & canoes, cleaning the Hudson River shoreline. For more info: www.yprc.org .	Alexander Street (South of Beczak, enter from Habirshaw Park)	Contact: Jerry or Terry gerrychem@aol.com tmidorin@juno.com
	10:00am–2:00pm	Mobile Shredder is a free public service to residents to help protect residents from identity theft and to recycle paper.	Yonkers Recycling Center 735 Saw Mill River Rd	
	2:00pm–4:00pm	Time's Up! Bike Mechanic Workshop: Bring your bike and learn how to repair and maintain it, just in time for tomorrow's Trail Blazing Ride!	Sarah Lawrence College 1 Mead Way Westlands Gate	Contact: Emily (818) 620-5585
	3:00pm–4:00pm	Take a Garden Home: Make a garden replica from recycled and composted materials with Greyston and Groundwork Yonkers. Partially funded by Westchester Library System.	Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Plaza Community Room	Contact: Ann-Marie 375-2151
Sunday, April 27	1:30pm–3:30pm	A Tree Grows in Yonkers: Greyston's Buena Vista Community Garden Activity and 55 plus' Café Sunday will host this intergenerational garden clean-up and planting activity.	Buena Vista Community Garden	Contact: Cathy to sign up! yonkers55plus@yahoo.com
	10:00am–?	Yonkers Bike Club Green Week Ride & Clean–Up: Ride to Redmond Field near Mile Square Rd. for a bike path clean-up, then go for a ride!	Start at 183 Rockne Rd.	Contact: Rona yonkersbikeclub@gmail.com
	4:15pm: concert 5:00pm: mass	“Mass to Save the Earth”: The Children's Choir and The Five O'Clock Band will accompany a slideshow on Global Warming.	Church of the Annunciation (Crestwood) 470 Westchester Ave.	Contact: Taffy 793-9186 twilliams@optonline.net

See inside for more
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